

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County *Pettis*
Township *Sedalia*
or
Village
or
City *Sedalia Mo.* (NO. *St.* *Ward*)

Registration District No. *668* File No. *24140*
Primary Registration District No. *3032* Registered No. *233*

[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

2 FULL NAME *George Fields*

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX *Male* 4 COLOR OR RACE *Black* 5 SINGLE *married*
MARRIED
WIDOWED
OR DIVORCED
(Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH *April 6 1887*
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE *31* yrs. *3* mos. *3* ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?

8 OCCUPATION
a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work *Laborer*
b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9 BIRTHPLACE
City or town, State or foreign country *Sedalia Mo*

10 NAME OF FATHER *Geo. Fields*

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER
(City or town, State or foreign country) *Indian Territory*

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER *Ellen Phillips*

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER
(City or town, State or foreign country) *Virginia*

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) *Mrs Ellen Fields*
(Address) *Sedalia Mo*

Filed *July 25, 1918* *W. B. Bess*
Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH *July 23 1918*
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from *1918* to *1918*, that I last saw him *alive on* *1918* and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at *1 a* m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
gun shot through abdomen at the hands of another person
17.3 (Duration) *7* yrs. *3* mos. *3* ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) *None*
(Duration) *7* yrs. *3* mos. *3* ds.

(Signed) *W. M. Miller, Coroner* M. D. *July 23, 1918* (Address) *Sedalia Mo*

*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)

At place of death *7* yrs. *3* mos. *3* ds. In the State *7* yrs. *3* mos. *3* ds.
Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?
Former or usual residence

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL *Crown Hill Cemetery* DATE OF BURIAL *July 25, 1918*

20 UNDERTAKER *Purbaugh Allen* ADDRESS *Sedalia Mo*

Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

[Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health Association.]

Statement of occupation.—Precise statement of occupation is very important, so that the relative healthfulness of various pursuits can be known. The question applies to each and every person, irrespective of age. For many occupations a single word or term on the first line will be sufficient, e. g., *Farmer* or *Planter*, *Physician*, *Compositor*, *Architect*, *Locomotive engineer*, *Civil engineer*, *Stationary fireman*, etc. But in many cases, especially in industrial employments, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work and also (b) the nature of the business or industry, and therefore an additional line is provided for the latter statement; it should be used only when needed. As examples: (a) *Spinner*, (b) *Cotton mill*; (a) *Salesman*, (b) *Grocery*; (a) *Foreman*, (b) *Automobile factory*. The material worked on may form part of the second statement. Never return "Laborer," "Foreman," "Manager," "Dealer," etc., without more precise specification, as *Day laborer*, *Farm laborer*, *Laborer—Coal mine*, etc. Women at home, who are engaged in the duties of the household only (not paid *Housekeepers* who receive a definite salary), may be entered as *Housewife*, *Housework*, or *At home*, and children, not gainfully employed, as *At school* or *At home*. Care should be taken to report specifically the occupations of persons engaged in domestic service for wages, as *Servant*, *Cook*, *Housemaid*, etc. If the occupation has been changed or given up on account of the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, state occupation at beginning of illness. If retired from business, that fact may be indicated thus: *Farmer (retired, 6 yrs.)* For persons who have no occupation whatever, write *None*.

Statement of cause of death.—Name, first, the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH (the primary affection with respect to time and causation), using always the same accepted term for the same disease. Examples: *Cerebrospinal fever* (the only definite synonym is "Epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis"); *Diphtheria* (avoid use of "Croup"); *Typhoid fever* (never report

"Typhoid pneumonia"); *Lobar pneumonia*; *Bronchopneumonia* ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); *Tuberculosis of lungs, meninges, peritonaeum*, etc., *Carcinoma*, *Sarcoma*, etc., of.....(name origin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" for malignant neoplasms); *Measles*; *Whooping cough*; *Chronic valvular heart disease*; *Chronic interstitial nephritis*, etc. The contributory (secondary or intercurrent) affection need not be stated unless important. Example: *Measles* (disease causing death), 29 ds.; *Bronchopneumonia* (secondary), 10 ds. Never report mere symptoms or terminal conditions, such as "Asthemia," "Anemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Haemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uraemia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicaemia," "PUERPERAL peritonitis," etc. State cause for which surgical operation was undertaken. For VIOLENT DEATHS state MEANS OF INJURY and qualify as ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, OR HOMICIDAL, or as probably such, if impossible to determine definitely. Examples: *Accidental drowning*; *struck by railway train—accident*; *Revolver wound of head—homicide*; *Poisoned by carbolic acid—probably suicide*. The nature of the injury, as fracture of skull, and consequences (e. g., *sepsis, tetanus*) may be stated under the head of "Contributory." (Recommendations on statement of cause of death approved by Committee on Nomenclature of the American Medical Association.)

**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

W. M. Wheeler Case

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County *Lewis* Registration District No. *668* File No. _____
 Township _____ Primary Registration District No. *3037* Registered No. *233*
 City *Sedalia* (No. _____) St. _____ Ward _____

2. FULL NAME

(a) Residence. No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
 (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. da. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. da.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX *M* 4. COLOR OR RACE *W* 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED *M*

5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF _____

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) _____

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
 (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work _____
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____
 (c) Name of employer _____

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

10. NAME OF FATHER _____

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

14. INFORMANT (Address) _____

15. FILED *7/25 1918* *W. E. Bess* REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) *July 23 1918*

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from _____, 19____, to _____, 19____, that I last saw him _____ alive on _____, 19____, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at _____.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS AS FOLLOWS:
deu that through failure of the lungs of deceased person, homicide

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) *187*
 (duration) yrs. mos. da.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED
 IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH: _____

DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? _____ DATE OF _____

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?
 (Signed) *W. M. Wheeler* M. D.
 , 19 (Address) *Sedalia mo.*

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL _____ 19 _____

20. UNDERTAKER ADDRESS _____

ALL INFORMATION CALLED FOR MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SUPPLEMENTARY.

Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

[Approved by U. S. Census and American Public Health Association.]

Statement of occupation.—Precise statement of occupation is very important, so that the relative healthfulness of various pursuits can be known. The question applies to each and every person, irrespective of age. For many occupations a single word or term on the first line will be sufficient, e. g., *Farmer* or *Planter*, *Physician*, *Composer*, *Architect*, *Locomotive engineer*, *Civil engineer*, *Stationary fireman*, etc. But in many cases, especially in industrial employments, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work and also (b) the nature of the business or industry, and therefore an additional line is provided for the latter statement; it should be used only when needed. As examples: (a) *Spinner*, (b) *Cotton mill*; (a) *Salesman*, (b) *Grocery*; (a) *Foreman*, (b) *Automobile factory*. The material worked on may form part of the second statement. Never return "Laborer," "Foreman," "Manager," "Dealer," etc., without more precise specification, as *Day laborer*, *Farm laborer*, *Laborer—Coal mine*, etc. Women at home, who are engaged in the duties of the household only (not paid *Housekeepers* who receive a definite salary), may be entered as *Housewife*, *Housework*, or *At home*, and children, not gainfully employed, as *At school* or *At home*. Care should be taken to report specifically the occupations of persons engaged in domestic service for wages, as *Servant*, *Cook*, *Housemaid*, etc. If the occupation has been changed or given up on account of the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, state occupation at beginning of illness. If retired from business, that fact may be indicated thus: *Farmer (retired, 6 yrs.)* For persons who have no occupation whatever, write *Nons*.

Statement of cause of death.—Name, first, the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH (the primary affection with respect to time and causation), using always the same accepted term for the same disease. Examples: *Cerebrospinal fever* (the only definite synonym is "Epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis"); *Diphtheria* (avoid use of "Croup"); *Typhoid fever* (never report

24140
"Typhoid pneumonia"); *Lobar pneumonia*; *Bronchopneumonia* ("Pneumonia," unqualified, is indefinite); *Tuberculosis of lungs, meninges, peritoneum*, etc., *Carcinoma*, *Sarcoma*, etc., of.....(name origin; "Cancer" is less definite; avoid use of "Tumor" for malignant neoplasms); *Measles*; *Whooping cough*; *Chronic valvular heart disease*; *Chronic interstitial nephritis*, etc. The contributory (secondary or intercurrent) affection need not be stated unless important. Example: *Measles* (disease causing death), *29 ds.*; *Bronchopneumonia* (secondary), *10 ds.* Never report mere symptoms or terminal conditions, such as "Asthenia," "Anemia" (merely symptomatic), "Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital," "Senile," etc.), "Dropsy," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure," "Hemorrhage," "Inanition," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uremia," "Weakness," etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "PUERPERAL septicemia," "PUERPERAL peritonitis," etc. State cause for which surgical operation was undertaken. For VIOLENT DEATHS state MEANS OF INJURY and qualify as ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, OR HOMICIDAL, or as probably such, if impossible to determine definitely. Examples: *Accidental drowning*; *struck by railway train—accident*; *Revolver wound of head—homicide*; *Poisoned by carbolic acid—probably suicide*. The nature of the injury, as fracture of skull, and consequences (e. g., *sepsis*, *tetanus*) may be stated under the head of "Contributory." (Recommendations on statement of cause of death approved by Committee on Nomenclature of the American Medical Association.)

NOTE.—Individual offices may add to above list of undesirable terms and refuse to accept certificates containing them. Thus the form in use in New York City states: "Certificates will be returned for additional information which give any of the following diseases, without explanation, as the sole cause of death: Abortion, cellulitis, childbirth, convulsions, hemorrhage, gangrene, gastritis, erysipelas, meningitis, miscarriage, necrosis, peritonitis, phlebitis, pyemia, septicemia, tetanus." But general adoption of the minimum list suggested will work vast improvement, and its scope can be extended at a later date.

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS
BY PHYSICIAN.